

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1636 - SB 1894

March 13, 1997

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires that two full set of fingerprints must be taken of any person arrested for any offense, with a copy of such fingerprints sent to the TBI and the FBI. Provides that the Comptroller include such fingerprinting requirement in their audit of each affected entity, and that non-compliance indicated in an audit could result in the loss of state funds to the entity.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$175,300
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - Exceeds \$500,000
Decrease Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Assumes:

- an increase in state expenditures of \$155,300 for 7 additional positions in TBI to process and enter fingerprints as they are submitted.
- an increase in state expenditures of \$20,000 in the Comptroller's Office for audit costs to monitor compliance.
- an increase of approximately 35% in the number of fingerprints taken and submitted to TBI.
- an increase in local government expenditures exceeding \$500,000 for the purchase of supplies and equipment, postage, training, and personnel to perform such fingerprinting for each arrest. Estimate assumes that some counties would have to purchase automated fingerprinting equipment because of the volume of additional fingerprints to be taken (estimated cost per machine is \$50,000). Only 15 counties currently have such equipment.
- that law enforcement entities will comply with the requirement and that little revenue would be withheld.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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